Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar's Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

President.— The next item in the agenda is the presenting of the Select Committee's Report on Mr. Ikkanda Wariar's Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on my Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation.

This is the final Report of the Committee. The original Bill was to delete the words "or at a distance within three miles of such limits from sections 156 and 172". The Select Committee after mature consideration brought about a compromise between the provisions of the Regulation and the original Bill by changing the three mile limit to one mile. "This", in the words of the Committee, "while fully subserving the object that the Municipalities have in view, will substantially minimise the hardship or inconvenience, if any, that the provision may entail on those who live in the vicinity of Municipal towns." This is the unanimous opinion of the Committee, though two of the Members including myself do not subscribe fully to all the reasons given in the Majority Report.

I move that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Sir, I second it.

President.—We are now concerned with the amendment of two sections of the Cochin Municipal Regulation, the first section being 156, and the other section being 172, and the amendment sought to be made is that in section 156, instead of the words " within 3 miles ", there should be " one mile ". Similarly, in section 172, instead of the words " 3 miles ", one mile should be substituted, and the sections as amended will form part of the Bill.

The motion was put to the votes, and it was carried.

President.—Then, Mr. Ikkanda Wariar, do you move that the Bill be passed at a subsequent meeting ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Sir, I beg to move that this Bill may be taken up and passed at Friday's meeting.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Sir, I second it.

The question of taking up and passing the Cochin Municipal Regulation as amended at the meeting of the Council on Friday was put to votes, and it was agreed to.

Amendments of Standing Orders 65 and 66.

President.—The next item is the one standing in the name of Mr. Mathew.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I beg leave to submit the Report of the Select Committee on my Amendments to Standing Orders 65 and 66.

Under Standing Order 36, I have the right of speech, but it is not necessary for me to make any speech in this connection, because the Committee has unanimously recommended the amendments proposed by me, and it is stated in the Report that the object of the amendment is only to give an opportunity for the mover of the amendment to make an explanatory statement, before the sense of the House is taken under S. O. 65, and to entitle him to be a member of the Select Committee appointed to consider the same. As far as ordinary Bills are concerned, only the mover has this right, and it is only legitimate that this power should also be given to the Member who moves the amendment.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, I second it.

The question that the amendments to Standing Orders 65 and 66 as reported by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration was put to votes and carried.

President.—S. O. 65 is to be amended as follows.—"When the motion is reached, and the amendment having been explained by the Member introducing it, the President shall read the draft amendment, and ask whether the Member has the leave of the Council. If objection is taken, the President shall request those Members who support the motion to rise in their places, and if more than 20 Members rise accordingly, the President shall intimate that the Member has the leave of the Council."

Standing Order 66 as amended will run thus.—"Where a Member has the leave of the Council to proceed, the draft amendment shall be referred to a Select Committee of which the Deputy President shall be the Chairman and of which the Government Advocate, the Secretary to the Council (when they are Members of the Council) and the Member who introduced the amendment shall be Members. The remaining Members, who shall be six in number, shall be elected by the Council in such manner as the Government may determine."

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I move that the amendments may be taken up and passed at tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Sir, I second it.

The question of taking up Standing Orders 65 and 66 as amended at the next day's meeting was put to votes and was carried.

President.—The next item is that standing in the name of Mr. Kunjunni Raja.

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